United
States
Cancer
Statistics
2002 INCIDENCE
AND MORTALITY

Uses for the *USCS* Report Data*

Data from this report provide a basis for research, cancer control planning, health communications, and policy development efforts. Below are examples that illustrate these potential data uses:

■ Describing the variability in cancer incidence and death rates across different populations and identifying patterns.

■ Determining differences in the cancer burden in similar states or regions to guide planning efforts for cancer control programs. (Refer to Guidance for Comparing States' Cancer Data.)

■ Identifying populations at risk for certain cancers and developing effective, evidence-based cancer prevention and control activities for these groups.

■ Helping design, implement, and expand comprehensive cancer control efforts.

■ Providing information for a national database of cancer incidence and mortality data that can be used in conducting data linkages and designing special studies.

■ Responding to community and media inquiries on cancer incidence and cancer mortality.

■ Developing Web-based resources to help state health departments plan effective cancer prevention and control activities (e.g., Cancer Control PLANET).

■ Developing culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate materials to communicate with diverse racial and ethnic audiences.

■ Developing guidelines, policy, or legislation to strengthen or enhance cancer control efforts.

■ Conducting special studies to advance clinical, epidemiologic, and health services research.

■ Providing information to help state registries improve the quality and usefulness of their data and to link with other databases.

■ Setting priorities for allocating health resources.

* Refer to Technical Notes—Interpreting the Data section (http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/uscs/2002/ pdf/technical_notes.pdf) in the U.S. Cancer Statistics: 2002 Incidence and Mortality report.

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